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## Frequently asked questions

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- Q** What forms of ID does King County need to process my ballot?
- A** A photocopy of a current, government-issued or tribal ID with your photo is required to process your signed affidavit and registration form. Valid forms of ID include a driver's license, state ID card, tribal ID card or passport.
- Q** Why do I need to fill out another registration form?
- A** A completed registration form will provide us with the necessary information to update the signature on your file. If your signature changes frequently, you may want to keep a copy of your signed registration form on hand for future elections.
- Q** What can I do to ensure that there won't be problems verifying my signature in the future?
- A** Your signature is just as important as your vote. It ensures that your vote gets counted— take care when signing your ballot envelope, and update your registration if your signature has changed.
- Q** How long do I have to verify my signature?
- A** The deadline to return verification documents is listed on the letter you received with this brochure. It is always one day before the election is certified by King County.

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## Contact us

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### King County Elections

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919 SW Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98057

Hours of operation:  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
206-205-5686

For general information  
[www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)  
206-296-VOTE (8683)

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### King County Community Service Centers

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For locations and hours, visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/csc](http://www.kingcounty.gov/csc).

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# Your signature is just as important as your vote

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Take your time, vote and sign.  
We want your vote to count.

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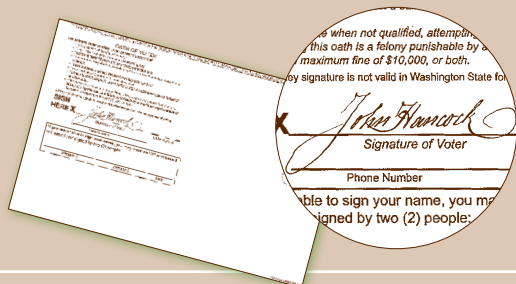
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## Your signature is as unique as each ballot you cast

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Please take note: the signature provided on your mail ballot envelope does not match our records. To ensure that your ballot is processed and counted, please help us verify your signature.



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## Update your signature with King County Elections:

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### In person:

Bring the letter and documents received with this brochure to our office or one of King County's Community Service Centers ([kingcounty.gov/csc](http://kingcounty.gov/csc)) and sign the documents in person.

### By mail:

Complete all documents and mail with a photocopy of a current, government-issued or tribal ID with your photo to King County Elections in Renton.

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## The following scenarios may prompt us to request that you verify your signature.

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The most common scenario is that the signature on the mailed ballot does not match the signature on file at King County Elections. We carefully inspect each ballot envelope's signature, and require that at least two King County Elections employees evaluate signatures that do not match, but we may still be unable to verify your signature. For this reason, we encourage you to think of your signature as being as important as your vote and sign as you would a formal document.

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### Other Scenarios:

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- No signature: You forgot to sign the oath.
- Name change: Your name may have changed and you have not completed a new registration form.
- Abbreviated name: You signed your name with an initial or other abbreviation and it differs from the signature we have on file.
- No signature on file: Your signature is not on file and needs to be updated.

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King County Elections greatly appreciates your help and assistance in verifying your signature.

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## What happens after a mailed ballot is received by King County Elections?

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Mailed ballots are processed according to Washington State guidelines established for signature verification, opening and tabulation.

In the verification process, trained Elections employees compare the signature on every mailed ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's registration.

If the signature cannot be verified, King County Elections will attempt to contact the voter by phone and mail so that the signature can be resubmitted and the ballot can be counted.

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## Why hasn't my ballot been counted yet?

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- If the signature on the ballot envelope cannot be verified, the voter will be contacted to verify their signature and update their registration.
- Your vote can still count! King County Elections will contact voters who need to verify their signatures by mail and phone. Your quick response will make sure your ballot counts.
- Voters have until the day before certification to correct their signature issue for their ballot to be counted.